



Week Two | Mustard Seed and Leaven | 03.13-14.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Even though this world isn't how we think it should be, there was a day when there was no pain and no problems, and it will be that way again one day. But, the good news is, heaven isn't just where you are going, it's also what you can bring here now!

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is a small habit that has made a big difference for you?
- Digging Deeper: In what ways does this small habit lead to a greater impact in your life?

» Observation | Read Matthew 13:31-35; 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Don't confuse earthly size with heavenly impact. (12 minutes)

- Matthew is sharing the sequence of parables from Jesus to think about the Kingdom, but there were many misconceptions about the 'Kingdom.' What comes to your mind when you think of the Kingdom of Heaven?

» Kingdom of Seeds | Reference Matthew 13:31-32 (12 minutes)

- What are small seeds of faith in your life that God has grown to impact in the past? What seeds of faith is God using now?

» Kingdom of Leaven | Reference Matthew 13:33 (12 minutes)

- How does the 'leaven' of your faith get spread intentionally throughout your life?
- What are the areas in your life that need this seed of faith of more intentional leaven? What steps is God asking you to take?

» Kingdom of Clarity | Reference Matthew 13:34-35; 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (12 minutes)

- Why was it important for Jesus to speak in parables?
- Where do you turn when you are afraid? How does the passage in 2 Timothy frame what fear can lead to in our lives?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What is God using in your life that you wouldn't have asked for but see its purpose?
- Close by praying for each other to reflect on 2 Timothy 3:1-5, recognizing the places in our lives we need to turn away from.